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SUBJ: CIVAIR: ITS/WORLD AIRWAYS CHARTER FLIGHT

REF: (A) ROME 14650; (B) STATE 206787; (C) STATE 208839

1. ITALIAN CIVIL AVIATION (CIVILAVIA) OFFICIAL THIS MORNING REAFFIRMED GOI DECISION TO DOSALLOW RETURN TO ITALY ABOARD WORLD AIRWAYS/INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL SERVICE (ITS) AUGUST 18 CHICAGO-TO-ROME CHARTER FLIGHT OF 74 PASSENGERS WHO DEPARTED ROME ON JUNE 24 LEG OF FLIGHT. OFFICIAL FURTHER ADDED THAT CIVILAVIA WILL NOT RPT NOT ACCEDE TO WORLD AIRWAYS PLAN (REF (B)) TO TRANSPORT 74 PASSENGERS ABOARD AUGUST 18 CHARTER FLIGHT AS FAR AS AMSTERDAM.

2. CIVILAVIA OFFICIAL EXPLAINED THAT ITS AUGUST 16 TELEX TO WORLD AIRWAYS MENTIONED IN REF (C) IS DESIGNED TO PERMIT AUGUST 18 FLIGHT FROM CHICAGO TO ROME ONLY WITH PASSENGERS OTHER THAN THE 74 PASSENGERS CONCERNED. WHILE TELEX, COPY OF WHICH WAS RECEIVED AT EMBASSY FROM WORLD OFFICES, GATWICK, IS UNCLAER, CIVILAVIA OFFICIAL
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HAS ASSURED EMBOFF THAT IT SOULD NOT RPT NOT BE CONSIDRED A WAIVER OF EARLIER DECISION TO REFUSE WORLD'S TRANSPORT OF THE 74 PASSENGERS CONCERNED.

3. AP APPROXIMATELY 0930 ROME TIME, EMBOFF INFORMED MR. CHRIS SMART, WORLD AIRWAYS, GATWICK, OF THESE MOST RECENT DEVELOPMENTS. SMART ADVISED THAT FLIGHT CHECK-

IN TIME IS 17:45 GMT, AUGUST 18, AND OPINED THAT, FACED WITH THIS DELEMMA, INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL SERVICE WILL ABANDON THE 74 PASSENGERS IN CHICAGO.

4. IN LIGHT OF POINTS NOTED IN THE CONCLUSION OF REF (A) EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT U.S. CIVAIR AUTHORITIES AGAIN ADVISE THAT WORLD AIRWAYS AND INTERNATION TRAVEL SERVICE TO MAKE ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE RETURN OF THE 74 PASSENGERS. HOLMES

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